



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3375, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

11/12/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City to administer the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant Program on behalf of the City and Travis County.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact. A funding match is not required.

Prior Council Action:

September 10, 2019 -- City Council approved the FY 2019-20 Budget ([Ordinance No. 20190910-001](#) <<https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=327725>>), which included this grant funding.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Grant funding in the amount of \$306,603 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The project period, October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2023, may be extended by the City with permission from the Department of Justice. A match is not required.

This action authorizes the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Travis County for the disparate allocation of grant funding between Travis County and the City of Austin. The precise funding split remains to be determined. Under the inter-local agreement, the City will serve as the fiscal agent responsible for distributing the grant funds between Travis County and the City. The City will use its portion of grant funds for law enforcement training.

The U.S. Department of Justice does not require a resolution for the acceptance of funds.

Note: The federal legislation authorizing this grant program includes a provision whereby cities and counties must submit a joint funding application if the state's Attorney General certifies that a funding disparity exists in a county's allocation when compared with that of a single municipality (at least a 150 percent disparity must exist), and the county bears more than 50 percent of prosecution or incarceration costs arising from Uniform Crime Report Part 1 violent crimes reported by the municipality to the FBI.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.